CIRCULATE (~~EITHER~~ 1ST)

Ponca City, Oklahoma
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TO: MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Your kind attention is directed to the attached fee Bills.

H. R. Belcher (Aug. 14)

This Bill doubles the present Patent Office fees with the exception of the following:

(a) Section 1 and 2. Increases the fee covering claims in excess of twenty from $1 to $5.

(b) Section 3. Provides a filing fee of $10 for design applications and increases the fee for a seven-year patent from $15 to $20.

(c) Section 4. Increases the fee for each claim in excess of twenty from $1 to $5.

(d) The fees provided for trademarks are, in most instances, the same as those provided in the Willis Bill, H. R. 7370.

H. R. (To be introduced during August)

This Bill is a revision of H. R. 7370 which was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Willis on July 1, 1963. The purpose of this Bill is to minimize some of the more objectionable features (from the patent practitioner's viewpoint) of the Willis Bill. The changes which are proposed are concerned primarily with the "change in patent practice" provisions rather than the "fee" provisions of the Willis Bill.

As you are all aware, two identical fee Bills, H. R. 10966 and S. 2225, were introduced in Congress last year. These two Bills are essentially duplicates of H. R. 7370, which has now been introduced in the House of

Representatives. Since extensive hearings were held on both H. R. 10966 and S. 2225 during the latter part of 1962, it is very possible that H. R. 7370 will not remain long in Committee and may be reported on the floor of the House of Representatives at an early date.

We have presented the attached Bills for two reasons: (1) we feel that reasonable fee revisions are in order and thus should not be opposed by the patent practitioners; and (2) we believe it desirable that more than one proposal should be submitted for consideration by the members of Congress. Realizing that neither of the Bills will be entirely satisfactory to any individual or organization, we feel that they do provide a possible choice, lying between the extremes of merely opposing any legislation or doing nothing.

Your comments concerning the attached Bills, whether favorable or unfavorable, will be instrumental in obtaining a hearing for these Bills. Letters addressed to the upper House might be particularly appropriate since apparently no Bill has been introduced in the Senate during this session.

For your convenience, the members of the appropriate House and Senate Committees are listed on the attachment.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments